

God Calls Moses

Wednesday Plan

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 3–4

MEMORY VERSE

Exodus 3:12

OPTIONAL VIDEO

The Prince of Egypt — God Speaks to Moses

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God goes with the people he calls.

For the Teacher

Wednesday night reinforces what the kids learned on Sunday. Don't re-teach the whole lesson. Your job tonight is to make it stick through review, movement, and prayer.

KEY TRUTH

God goes with the people he calls.

Same bottom line as Sunday, by design. Wednesday uses the exact same sentence the kids heard on Sunday. Repeat it. Have them say it back. Don't paraphrase or soften it — the repetition is the point.

Moses' excuses are the spine of tonight. Sunday introduced the four excuses (Exodus 3:11, 3:13, 4:1, 4:10) and God's four answers. Tonight the kids will play a kinetic game built on that pattern.

What to skip. Don't re-read all of Exodus 3. The kids did that Sunday. Tonight you'll read Exodus 3:11–12 and Exodus 4:10–12 — the two clearest excuse-and-answer pairs. If a kid wasn't there Sunday, give them a one-sentence catch-up: "God showed up to Moses in a burning bush and told him to go rescue God's people from Egypt."

Energy management. Wednesday is built around a moving game with matching cards. Kids will get loud as they hunt for partners. That's fine — the game requires it. Bring them back down for prayer.

MATERIALS

- Bibles for every student
- Whiteboard or large paper, markers
- 8 index cards prepared in advance: 4 with Moses' excuses ("Who am I?", "What's your name?", "What if they don't believe me?", "I'm not a good speaker"), 4 with God's answers ("I will be with you", "I AM WHO I AM", "Here's a sign", "I will help you speak")
- **God Goes With Me** prayer cards (printed in advance from this week's activities)
- Pencils

1. Gather

Welcome the kids back. Tell them:

SAY

On Sunday we learned one big idea, and we're going to learn it again tonight. Say it with me: God goes with the people he calls.

Have them say it back. Then again, louder. Then have them point at themselves on the word "people." Write it on the board.

Tell them tonight is going to be different from Sunday — they're going to play a matching game where they have to find their partner. But first, a quick review.

2. The Story

Quick Review**ASK**

Sunday we read about Moses meeting God in a burning bush. What did God tell Moses to go do?

You're looking for: go to Pharaoh, rescue God's people from Egypt.

ASK

How did Moses feel about the job?

You're looking for: scared, not good enough, full of excuses. Push for the word *excuses* — that's the word tonight is built on.

Two Excuses, Two Answers

Have them open to Exodus 3:11.

Exodus 3:11–12**DISCUSSION**

1. What was Moses' excuse here?

→ *"Who am I?" — meaning, I'm not the right person.*

2. What did God say back?

→ *"I will be with you." Write it on the board.*

Now turn to Exodus 4:10.

Exodus 4:10–12**DISCUSSION**

1. What was Moses' excuse here?

→ *"I'm not a good speaker."*

2. What did God say back?

→ *"I will help you speak."*

Pause. Look at the board. Notice what God is *not* doing. He's not telling Moses, "You're actually a great speaker." He's not telling Moses he's qualified. He keeps saying, "I will be with you." That's the answer. The answer to every fear about not being enough is that God is going with us.

Say the bottom line again, with the kids:

SAY

God goes with the people he calls.

3. The Work

Excuse and Answer Match-Up

You'll need eight index cards prepared in advance — four excuses, four answers (see the materials list).

Shuffle the cards. Hand one card to each of eight kids. (If you have more than eight, hand cards to the first eight and rotate the rest in for round two.)

Tell them: when you say go, they need to find the kid holding the card that pairs with theirs. The

four pairs are:

Excuse	God's Answer
Who am I?	I will be with you.
What's your name?	I AM WHO I AM.
What if they don't believe me?	Here's a sign.
I'm not a good speaker.	I will help you speak.

Once they've found their match, they sit together with their card showing.

After everyone is paired up, walk around the room and have each pair read their two cards aloud, in order — the excuse, then the answer.

Then ask the whole class:

ASK

Look at all four answers from God. What's the one thing they all have in common?

You're looking for: *God is the one doing it.* The answers are all about what *God* will do, not about what *Moses* can do. Moses kept saying, "I'm not enough." God kept saying, "I will be with you." That's how God answers our fears too.

Round Two — Our Excuses

Tell the kids: now we're going to play it with our own excuses. Read each scenario one at a time. After each one, the kids point to the matching answer on the board.

Write God's four answers across the board: **"I will be with you" — "I AM WHO I AM" — "Here's a sign" — "I will help you speak."**

1. *You have to read out loud in front of your class and you're nervous.* (I will help you speak.)
2. *You're scared because you don't know if God is real or listening.* (I AM WHO I AM.)
3. *Your friend doesn't believe in Jesus and you want to tell them.* (Here's a sign — God shows people his power.)
4. *You feel small and like God couldn't use a kid like you.* (I will be with you.)

After each one, have a kid say *why* they picked that answer. There's no wrong matching — the conversation is the point.

4. The Point

God Goes With Me Prayer Card

Hand out the **God Goes With Me** prayer cards. Have each student fill in the prompt:

God, please go with me when I _____.

Tell them they can write or draw. They'll take it home and put it somewhere they'll see it during the week — by their bed, on the fridge, on their backpack.

NOTE

While they fill out the cards, walk around. If a kid is stuck, ask: "What's something coming up this week that feels too big for you?" Help them name it.

Memory Verse and Closing

When they're done, have everyone come back together and turn to Exodus 3:12:

SCRIPTURE*Exodus 3:12**I will be with you.*

Read it together once. Then say the bottom line one final time, with the kids:

SAY*God goes with the people he calls.*

Close in prayer:

PRAY

God, you called Moses when he didn't feel ready, and you went with him. You call us too — to small things and big things — and you go with us the same way. When we look at our cards this week, help us remember those five words: I will be with you. Amen.